

Services

Offenders at the Westville Correctional Facility are provided secure, clean and positive living conditions. This stable environment is supported by ancillary medical, dental, psychological, recreational, spiritual and educational services. Exposing offenders to these services allows them to examine their mistakes, test their potential, and develop a new lifestyle that may lead to their positive re-entry into their communities.

Re-Entry

Westville Correctional Facility recognizes an offender's need for guided behavioral change. Westville's ideal is to have individuals leave the facility with appropriate, stable life skills. The key to attaining this ideal is the development of relevant, well-organized and dynamic programs. Substance abuse treatment, parenting skills, anger and stress management, education and job skill programs are just some of the main tools used to effect long-term change in an offender's thinking.

Community Relations

The community has the important responsibility of supporting and accepting offenders back into society in a meaningful way. Upon an offender's release, community involvement includes setting standards by example, the provision of employment opportunities, suitable housing, and support of family and community agencies. With guidance from its Community Advisory Board members, Westville Correctional Facility understands the importance of community recognition and interaction. No longer an enigma to the public, the facility strives to develop a mutual relationship within the community.

"Everyday, and with little recognition, correctional employees selflessly safeguard Indiana's communities."

Governor Mitchell E Daniels Jr.

WCC Mission

WCC will provide a safe, secure and productive environment for both staff and offenders while protecting the public interests and safety. WCC will provide these services in an effective and accountable manner and will develop and implement programs that will assist the offenders with their re-entry into their communities.

Goals

- Provide and maintain a safe and secure correctional environment for the protection of the public, staff and offenders.
- Deliver offender programs that provide opportunities for self-improvement and successful community re-entry.
- Adhere to standards of high performance to achieve correctional best practices.
- Recruit, develop and retain a trained workforce of committed correctional professionals.
- Collaborate with the public, governmental and civic organizations in support of crime prevention efforts and the development of community based correctional re-entry programs.

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Facts and Figures - 2012



DATES:

1949-1951—Constructed under Dept. of Health

1976-1977—Converted to Dept. of Correction

1991-1992—Added Maximum Control Facility



Bruce Lemmon
Commissioner



Mark Levenhagen
Superintendent

History

The campus which is now Westville Correctional Facility began in 1949. Beatty Memorial Hospital, a state run mental health facility, opened its doors to 135 mentally disabled Hoosiers in February of 1951. The hospital was named in honor of Dr. Norman Beatty, an Indianapolis doctor who had dedicated his career to mental health services. In 1974, a lawsuit filed by Indiana prisoners in US District Court forced the state to reduce overcrowding in its prisons, creating the need for another prison. Governor Otis Bowen and the Indiana legislature then transferred Beatty Memorial Hospital to the Department of Correction. In July of 1979, following renovations and additions, 1200 offenders were transferred to the Westville Correctional Facility. With only 32 segregation cells for a population that had grown to 2600 inmates, a 220 bed Maximum Control Segregation Unit was added in 1989-1991.

Staffing

The dedicated and responsible staff remains the backbone of Westville Correctional Facility, with a variety of educational backgrounds and prior work experiences. The facility employs approximately 1000 people, making it the third largest employer in La Porte County. Custody staff make up just over 50% of those positions, with the rest dedicated to administration and re-entry programs.



WCC Complexes

- R dorm (WCA) holds 381 minimum security inmates. These inmates provide much of the labor force to maintain the grounds outside the secured perimeter as well as special projects in nearby communities.
- WCU holds 168 maximum security inmates assigned to long-term segregation plus 56 inmates in disciplinary segregation.
- The General Services Complex (GSC) operates the Therapeutic Community which provides over 400 inmates with long-term in-patient substance abuse treatment.
- The Education Complex (EC) provides most of the educational programming, ranging from literacy through vocational education.
- The Industrial Complex (IC) houses inmates assigned primarily to PEN Products, currently for the production of highway signs and recycling of surplus CDs/DVDs.
- Inmates assigned to GSC, EC and IC are primarily medium security.



WCC Facts & Figures

- Meets ACA accreditation standards
- \$46.6 million annual budget
- 60 years - age of dorms
- 36 - floors of dorms
- 2 million square feet of flooring
- 3400 inmates housed daily
- 10,000 meals served daily
- 1.75 miles of electric stun fence
- 85 acres of grounds enclosed by fence
- 691.6 total acres of land
- 700,000 gallons water used daily
- 692 authorized custody staff positions
- 14 Canine Unit dogs
- 200 inmates released every month
- 375 inmates in school programs
- 525 inmates in substance abuse programs